

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: March 27, 2019

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Town Hall

Egremont

Present at the table were Chairman Turner, Selectman Brazie. Vice-Chairman McGurn was absent.

Others in attendance: Marj Wexler, Mary McGurn, David Seligman

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

It was announced that the meeting is video and audio recorded.

The Board approved the following budget items:

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| The Brien Center | \$2,203 |
| Elizabeth Freeman Center | \$500 |
| Group Purchasing | \$1,260 (Amended) |
| Highway Collective Bargaining | \$162,145 |
| Compactor Operation | \$89,567 (Amended) |
| Police Collective Bargaining | \$281,308 |
| Police Chief salary | \$80,000 |
| Police Chief's expenses | \$4,500 |
| Police Administrative Asst | \$18,551.51 |
| Police Vehicle Expenses | \$16,000 |
| Police Dept Expenses | \$10,000 |
| Emergency Management Exp | \$1,600 |
| Selectmen's Expenses | \$19,050 (Amended) |
| School Operating | \$1,702,222.87 |
| School Capital | \$46,070.88 |
| School Bond | \$48,318.63 |

The Board reviewed the draft warrant and special articles.

\$200,000 for the next phase of engineering for the Mount Washington Road reconstruction proposed to be borrowed.

The adoption of a general by-law banning non-retail marijuana establishments.

The Board will not place an article adopting the rooms tax on the warrant as suggested by the Town Clerk.

The Board will not place articles on the warrant to pay down the current loans for the Mt. Washington Road Engineering and the Rescue Truck.

The Board is concerned about the article amending the School District agreement. The amendment proposes to change the apportionment of costs. The amendment proposes to change the apportionment for FY 2020. The Board feels that this can't happen for FY 2020. Legal Counsel will be consulted.

The Board will propose the use of Free Cash to fund the \$45,000 Corrosion Control System for the Water Department.

The Board will propose raising and appropriating the sum of \$6,000 for repairs at the Town Cemeteries.

The Board is still attempting to pin down costs for the Fire Department's OSHA compliance.

The Board will propose the use of Free Cash to purchase the new Mower and rake at a cost of \$9,000.

The Board will propose the use of Free Cash to make repairs at French Park in the amount of \$9,700.

The Board will hold on a decision on the \$57,000 for the generator and the parking area at Town Hall until a closer look has been taken at the final budget.

The Board will propose borrowing the sum of \$280,000 for the new Highway Dump Truck.

The Board will discuss further the article to raise \$75,000 for road repairs.

The Board will propose the use of Free Cash for the ADA upgrades at the South Egremont school that is currently estimated to be less than \$100,000.

The Board will propose raising and appropriating the \$5,000 for the Friends of Prospect Lake.

The Board will propose raising and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the MACRS and \$1,000 for the historic book restoration.

The Board will propose transferring \$15,000 from Free Cash to the GASB 44 Stabilization Fund.

The Board will consider transferring some amount of Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund after the final budget has been reviewed.

There is an article on the warrant to renew the contract for recyclables for 10 years with an option to extend that another 5 years.

The Board will propose transferring the sum of \$5,000 from Free Cash to the Police Revolving Account.

The article for the acceptance as a gift to the Town the South Egremont Congregational Church is on the warrant along with an article to appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for the annual upkeep expenses of the church.

There is an article submitted by a citizen to ban all algeacides, herbicides, and pesticides in Prospect Lake. David Seligman, Conservation Commission member, noted that the law does not seem to allow the Town to establish this ban. Legal Counsel will be consulted.

The Fire Chief has withdrawn his request to be paid for his inspection and administrative time. The Board talked about increasing fees for the inspection services to help cover his time. Other Town's fees will be surveyed and the Fire Chief will be asked to make a proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Mary Brazie
Office Administrator

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